

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DOUGLAS HINES,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

**Defendants.**

09 Civ. 10457 (LTS) (AJP)

### OPINION AND ORDER

**ANDREW J. PECK, United States Magistrate Judge:**

Plaintiff Hines failed to appear as ordered at today's settlement conference. The case did not settle, and plaintiff's absence made the settlement conference a waste of time (despite the presence of plaintiff's counsel).

Accordingly, plaintiff is directed to pay \$500 to the Clerk of Court in sanctions, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and 37, and the Court's inherent power. See Kerestan v. Merck & Co. Long Term Disability Plan, 05 Civ. 3469, 2008 WL 2627974 at \*1 (S.D.N.Y. July 2, 2008) (Peck, M.J.) (& cases cited therein).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 21, 2010

**Andrew J. Peck**  
United States Magistrate Judge

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